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SUBJECT: INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGES

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1. INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S CONTINUED EXISTENCE SOMEWHAT IN DOUBT DUE RECENT GOS CHANGES. IT DEPENDED ON LOPEZ RODO'S PLANNING COMMISSION WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF THE PRESIDENCY. THE INSTITUTE (WHICH CHANGED ITS NAME A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE GOS CHANGES TO INSTITUTE OF IBERO-AMERICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) MIGHT REMAIN IN THE PRESIDENCY, GO TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR POSSIBLY DISAPPEAR. NEW DEVELOPMENT PLANNING MINISTRY HAS A DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING WHICH IT IS ASSUMED WILL TAKE OVER THE INSTITUTE'S FUNCTION.

2. THE EMBASSY MUCH PREFERS LINKAGES WITHIN UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY FRAMEWORKS WHICH ARE MORE LIKELY TO FORM LASTING RELATIONS.

3. BASED ON ABOVE, EMBASSY FEELS THAT NOW IS NOT THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH MFA REGARDING USE OF THIRD TRANCHE NMA FUNDS.

4. EMB SUGGESTS THAT POSSIBLE TEXAS LINKAGE BE WITH AN ECONOMICS FACULTY AT A SPANISH UNIVERSITY. WE WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY IF TEXAS AND DEPARTMENT AGREE.

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